

Dear Scott,

Thank you for your email advising about hearings concerning new taxes proposed by Governor Molloy. As a retiree on fixed income, and with my savings earning next to nothing and losing ground to inflation daily, I am opposed to additional taxes.

Governor Molloy and the Democrat-controlled legislature seem to think the citizens of Connecticut have deep and open pockets, to be tapped into whenever the mood suits. That is not true. For me and my family, real, day-to-day inflation is closer to 10% than that reported by the government, and we are getting squeezed more and more. It is time that Connecticut tried a little belt tightening.

I applaud the proposal to reduce the sales tax to 6% and object to elimination of tax-free week for clothing and school necessities. I am doubly opposed to proposals to impose new e-tolls on I-95, I-84, the Merritt and other CT highways. That might reduce the god-awful congestion, but would (1) increase traffic on local roads and (2) increase the cost of our routine shopping, doctors' visits, etc. And where would the added revenues go? Probably not to road improvements or mass transit (both needed!).

You, Fred Camillo, and the rest of the Republican delegation in the legislature have consistently maintained a strong sense of fiscal responsibility on behalf of Connecticut's citizens, despite strong opposition from the spendfree majority. Please know that my family and I support your efforts completely. Keep up your good work!.

Sincerely,

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